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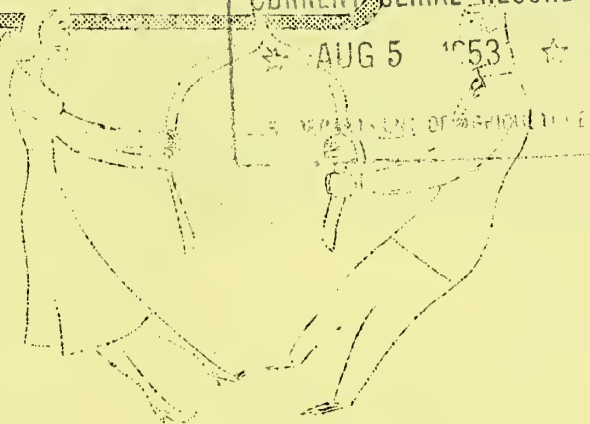
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WISHING WON'T GROW A GARDEN

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On reviewing some of the actual accomplishments on the 1951 Farm and Home Plan the usual facts held true to form. Some families had produced and conserved very little, if anything from their garden. Others had met their planned goal. In analyzing the reasons for failure, it was most generally:

- ⊙ Weather
- ⊙ Health
- ⊙ Family thinking in terms of planting only a spring garden
- ⊙ Lack of knowledge

Those who were successful attributed their success to:

- ⊙ Continuous planting, in spite of the weather
- ⊙ Knowledge of approved garden practices
- ⊙ They didn't expect their garden to be a little "Topsy" and just grow

In counties where a good garden program was found it was generally true that the supervisor was well informed as to approved garden practices, and where needed supplies such as seed, plants, fertilizer and insecticides might be purchased in the local community and/or where they could be ordered.

Do your local seed dealers and those selling plants have the new and approved varieties?

Information is now readily accessible from the actual information on last year's Farm and Home Plan, to determine what families might need encouragement and advice with their gardens.

Taking for granted the early garden is planted or will be in the near future, it will soon be time for planting such vegetables as tomatoes, peppers, beans, corn and all the other vegetables that should be planted after frost-free date.

